

## 501. MARSELIS–MISSELES

On this family, there appears to be no satisfactory account of descendants in the male lines even prior to the American Revolution. The placement of Suerus Marselis, in particular, is sometimes confused by scholars who have not studied the earlier records in depth. In 1978, for example, Maryly B. Penrose identified Suerus with Ahasuerus<sup>4</sup> (*Johannes*<sup>3</sup>, *Ahasuerus*<sup>2</sup>, *Marselis*<sup>1</sup> Janse), who had married Maria Vrooman in 1750.<sup>[1]</sup> This account fails to account for the parentage of Suerus's daughter Sarah, who was born in 1772.<sup>[2]</sup> At that date Ahasuerus was still living at Schenectady, together with Maria and all of their children. This family has no birth-interval interruptions that would allow for the births of any children elsewhere, let alone Sarah.<sup>[3]</sup>

My own account of the parentage of Suerus is based on indirect evidence, and only the paternity of Suerus is suggested here. The placement of Suerus's wife also does not admit of direct proof.

1. **Marcelis**<sup>1</sup> **Janse** was born at Bommel in Gelderland, Holland, according to powers of attorney that were granted him in August 1663 as he was preparing to cross the ocean.<sup>[4]</sup> He died at Albany, Albany County, New York, between 11 June 1690, the date of his will,<sup>[5]</sup> and 1 December 1700, when a deed mentioned Marselis Janz, deceased.<sup>[6]</sup> He married **Annetie Gerrits**, according to an agreement of 22 March 1664 by which she leased a house that had belonged to Hendrick Reur, deceased.<sup>[7]</sup>

Annetie is sometimes identified as a daughter of Gerrit Reyerse and his wife Annetje Jans, of Albany.<sup>[8]</sup> It is certainly true that this couple had a daughter of the correct name, who was living in 1694 but probably not in 1712,<sup>[9]</sup> but the chronology runs against this identification. The marriage of the proposed parents reads: "den 11 April. [1665] . . . Gerrit Rejerszen, Van Breúc-

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<sup>1</sup> Maryly B. Penrose, *Mohawk Valley in the Revolution: Committee of Safety Papers and Genealogical Compendium* (Franklin Park, N. J.: Liberty Bell Associates, 1978), 282.

<sup>2</sup> Shelly Murphy, "Yellow Church Cemetery, Town of Manheim, Herkimer County, NY," online <<http://herkimer.nygenweb.net/cemeteries/yelchurchcem.html>>, updated 14 Mar. 1998, viewed 28 Sept. 2007.

<sup>3</sup> Donald A. Keefer, transcr., and Arthur C. M. Kelly, comp., *Baptism Record of Schenectady Reformed Church, Schenectady, New York, 1694–1811* (Rhinebeck, N. Y.: Arthur C. M. Kelly, 1987), 85, 91, 100, 108, 112, 124, 138, 153, 160, 192.

<sup>4</sup> Jonathan Pearson, *Early Records of the City and County of Albany and Colony of Rensselaerswyck, Volume 3*, ed. A. J. F. van Laer, New York State Library History Bulletin 10 (Albany: University of the State of New York, 1918), 238–41. This seems to be the only occasion on which he was styled "van Bommel."

<sup>5</sup> Jonathan Pearson, *Early Records of the City and County of Albany and Colony of Rensselaerswyck, Volume 4*, ed. A. J. F. van Laer, New York State Library History Bulletin 11 (Albany: University of the State of New York, 1919), 168.

<sup>6</sup> Jonathan Pearson, *Early Records of the City and County of Albany and Colony of Rensselaerswyck, Volume 2*, ed. A. J. F. van Laer, New York State Library History Bulletin 9 (Albany: University of the State of New York, 1916), 369–70.

<sup>7</sup> Pearson, *Early Records of Albany and Rensselaerswyck*, 3:279.

<sup>8</sup> Mrs. Victor L. Johnson, "Joseph Yates of Albany, 1664–1730, the Search for Roots in England," *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* 114 (1983): 228–34, at 231, notes that one of the sponsors at baptism of Christopher Yates, son of Joseph Yates and his wife Huybertje Marselis, was "the maternal grandmother, Annatje Marselis (daughter of Ryer Gerretse and Ariantje Janse of New York City)." No source for the parenthetical identification is evident.

<sup>9</sup> Berthold Fernow, comp. and ed., *Calendar of Wills on File and Recorded in the Offices of the Clerk of the Court of Appeals, of the County Clerk at Albany, and of the Secretary of State, 1626–1836* (New York, 1896), 316, 317.

kelen in't Sticht Van Utrecht, en Annetje Jans, j. d. Van Amsterdam."<sup>[10]</sup> Huybertje, daughter of Marselis and Annetie, had a child out of wedlock only ten years later, in 1675.<sup>[11]</sup> She herself, and not only her mother, must have been born several years *before* Gerrit was married. In addition, Marselis did not name his children for any of Gerrit's children: *Elbert, John, Reyer, Annetje, and Marritje*.<sup>[12]</sup>

Marselis's wife is named in his will, as are their surviving children, as follows:<sup>[13]</sup>

[p. 168] In the name of God, Amen. Know all men whom it may concern that on the eleventh day of June at New Albany, sixteen hundred and ninety, being the second year of the reign of William and Mary, king and queen of Great Britain, Marcelis Janse, dwelling in the aforesaid city, hale and sound in body, walking and standing, having perfect possession and use of his senses, memory, understanding, reason and speech as outwardly appears, who considering the frailty of life and the unforeseen hour of death, unwilling to depart hence without first having disposed of his temporal effects by the Almighty granted him and that without the persuasion inducement or misleading of any persons but of his will and motion, commending first his soul to the hands of God and his body to a Christian burial, hereby nominates appoints and chooses his lawful wife Annetie as his sole and universal heir of his whole estate and property, whether orchard or orchards, ground or grounds, lot or lots, house or houses, his movable goods, rights and credits and all that he may leave behind at his death, nothing whatsoever reserved and excepted, but with the understanding that (after the testator's death) she shall have the usufruct of the real estate during the time of her life, without being at liberty to alienate, encumber or sell the same, but after her death it shall go to their [p. 169] children lawfully procreated by them, to wit, Gysbercht, Huybertje, Sytje, Judith and Aasuerus, to be divided among them equally, without regard to male or female sex, or in case of their death, to the grandchildren, taking the place of their deceased parent or parents; except that the eldest son before any partition shall receive the value of six guilders in beavers, but with the understanding that the aforesaid real estate and houses shall go to the aforesaid youngest two children, the value of which, at a lawful and proper appraisal, the aforesaid youngest two children (their just portion being deducted) in the time of the six following years, every year a just sixth part, to begin from the time of the appraisal; but as regards the movable estate, the testator's wife may sell, alienate, consume and dispose of the same in every way, just as the testator could do while alive, without delivering any statement or inventory to any child or children, or in case of infancy or death of the same, to the children's children, blood relations, guardians, the honorable orphan masters, constable or constables, the court of this city or government, whether high or low, judge or judges, or to any other person whomsoever much less giving surety or bond, inasmuch as the testator excludes and debars them all, jointly and severally, and wills and desires that his aforesaid wife shall have full administration and to this end makes her administratrix and executrix in the fullest manner possible, notwithstanding that some law or laws, custom or customs of this government may otherwise direct, which laws and customs, he wills shall herein be inoperative and of no effect. All that is hereinbefore written the testator declares to be his testamentary disposition and last will, which he desires to have effect from the weightiest to the least article thereof; whether as testament, codicil, gift in anticipation of death or among the living, or any other bequest, however it may be named, notwithstanding all formalities required by law may not be observed herein, desiring the utmost benefit of the law for the maintenance of what is above written. This done and signed and sealed by the testator's own hand, on the aforesaid 11th of June, at New Albany, A<sup>o</sup>. 1690.

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<sup>10</sup> Samuel S. Purple, ed., *Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New Amsterdam and New York: Marriages from 11 December, 1639, to 26 August, 1801*, Collections of the New-York Genealogical and Biographical Society 1 (New York: Printed for the Society, 1890; reprint, Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, Inc., 1997), 31.

<sup>11</sup> A. J. F. van Laer, transl. and ed., *Minutes of the Court of Albany, Rensselaerswyck and Schenectady*, 3 vols. (Albany: University of the State of New York, 1926–32), 2:30–1, 56.

<sup>12</sup> Fernow, *Calendar of Wills*, 316.

<sup>13</sup> Pearson, *Early Records of Albany and Rensselaerswyck*, 4:168–70.

The witnesses were Cornelis Swart and Johannes Becker, Jun<sup>r</sup>. It was sworn on 22 May 1722 at Kingston, Ulster County, New York, by Cornelis Swart, who was by then aged 70 years. Apparently Marselis's widow was Annetie Marselis, for whose funeral pall a receipt was entered in the accounts of the Reformed Dutch church at Albany on 2 December 1702.<sup>[14]</sup>

Children of Marselis<sup>1</sup> Janse and his wife Annetie Gerrits are:<sup>[15]</sup>

- i. GYSBERT<sup>2</sup> MARSELIS, bur. Albany 8 June 1740 by Daniel Brat,<sup>[16]</sup> m. before 5 Aug. 1683 BARBAR CLAASZ GROESBECK,<sup>[17]</sup> dau. of Claas Jacobse and Elizabeth (\_\_\_\_) Groesbeck, d. after 3 Jan. 1706/7.<sup>[18]</sup>
- ii. HUYBERTJE MARSELIS, bur. Albany 13 July 1730,<sup>[19]</sup> had a child out of wedlock with Jan Hendrick Bruyn on 19 Dec. 1675. Bruyn contested her demand for maintenance on the ground that her confession was false, but on 7 April 1676, upon hearing at Albany, the court ordered him to marry her "or, in default thereof, once and for all to pay her the sum of one thousand guilders in beavers, or in seawan at beavers' price."<sup>[20]</sup> She later m. JOSEPH YATES, poss. bp. St. John, Leeds, Yorkshire, England, 26 Dec. 1647, son of Robert and Mary (Dyson) Yates,<sup>[21]</sup> bur. Albany 22 May 1730.<sup>[22]</sup>
- iii. SYTJE MARSELIS, bur. Albany 3 July 1745,<sup>[23]</sup> m. JOSEPH JANSE VAN ZANTE, bur. Albany 16 Oct. 1753.<sup>[24]</sup>
- iv. JUDITH MARSELIS, bur. Albany 19 Aug. 1734,<sup>[25]</sup> m. Albany 23 Nov. 1692 LUCAS LUCASE HOOGHKERK,<sup>[26]</sup> bur. Albany 13 Mar. 1741.<sup>[27]</sup>
2. v. AHASUERUS MARSELIS, d. after 6 Jan. 1739, m. SARAH HEEMSTRAAT.
- vi. GERRIT MARSELIS, m. Albany 1 July 1687 BREGTJE HANSZ,<sup>[28]</sup> both d. 2 Feb. 1690 in the massacre at Schenectady, Albany Co., N. Y.

2. **Ahasuerus<sup>2</sup> Marselis** (*Marcelis<sup>1</sup> Janse*) was married at Albany on 8 December 1697 to **Sarah Heemstraat**,<sup>[29]</sup> daughter of Takel Dirkse Heemstraat of Albany and his wife Maritie (see 505, 4001. *Heemstraat*, 1, iii.). On 4 May 1701, Taakel Dirkse and Saartje Taakels, wife of Ahasuerus Marselis, were sponsors for the baptism of Taakel, a child of Dirk Taakelse Heemstrate and his wife Claartje Quakkenbosch.<sup>[30]</sup> They moved to Schenectady, same county (but now Schenectady County). Ahasuerus served as a sponsor on the following occasions:

at Albany, 1 Jan. 1701, with Lysbeth Lanssing, for Catharina, of Gysbert Marselis and Barbar Groesbeek.

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<sup>14</sup> William Vanderpoel Hannay, comp., "Burial Records, First Dutch Reformed Church, Albany, N. Y., 1654–1862," *Dutch Settlers Society of Albany Yearbook* 7-8 (1932–4): 1-145, at 21.

<sup>15</sup> Jonathan Pearson, *Contributions for the Genealogies of the First Settlers of the Ancient County of Albany, from 1630 to 1800* (1872; reprint, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1984), 78.

<sup>16</sup> S. V. Talcott, "Dutch Church Burials," *Annals of Albany* 1 (1850): 235-49, at 240.

<sup>17</sup> She and Gysbert both joined the church prior to 1690. *Year Book of the Holland Society of New York* (New York: Knickerbocker Press, 1897–1929) [HSYB], 1904:1-2, 31.

<sup>18</sup> Fernow, *Calendar of Wills*, 173.

<sup>19</sup> Talcott, "Dutch Church Burials," 236.

<sup>20</sup> Van Laer, *Minutes of the Court of Albany*, 2:30-1, 56, 87, 88-90, quotation at 90.

<sup>21</sup> Johnson, "Joseph Yates of Albany," 232.

<sup>22</sup> Talcott, "Dutch Church Burials," 237.

<sup>23</sup> "Joseph Van Zante's wife," *ibid.*, 241.

<sup>24</sup> *Ibid.*, 246.

<sup>25</sup> *Ibid.*, 238.

<sup>26</sup> HSYB 1904:29.

<sup>27</sup> Talcott, "Dutch Church Burials," 240.

<sup>28</sup> HSYB 1904:22.

<sup>29</sup> HSYB 1904:29.

<sup>30</sup> HSYB 1905:21.

at Albany, 11 May 1707, with his wife Sara, for Geertruy, of Andries Rees and Ariaantje Scharp.<sup>[31]</sup>  
at Schenectady, 14 Nov. 1713, with Elizabeth Bratt, for Sara, of Jely van Vorst and Lysebeth van Vorst.  
at Schenectady, 28 Feb. 1714, with his wife Sara, for Sara, of Claes Fransen and Barber Fransen.  
at Schenectady, 25 Jan. 1717, with his wife Sara, for Maria, of Robert Aarts and Maria Aarts.  
at Schenectady, 5 Nov. 1720, with Trientien Fransen, for Willen, of David Liewes and Maria Liewes.<sup>[32]</sup>

Assweris Marselis was also enumerated as a freeholder of Schenectady, pursuant to an order directed to the sheriff of Albany County on 11 June 1720.<sup>[33]</sup>

When Johannes, son of Takel<sup>3</sup> Marselis and his wife Jacomyntie, was baptized on 6 January 1739, the witnesses were named as “Ahasueros Marcelis, (Zara) Marcelis jr.”<sup>[34]</sup> There is no evidence of a junior woman named Sarah in the family, and it would appear that Takel’s mother joined with his younger brother, now aged 22 years, in sponsoring the child. From that point forward, sponsorships at baptism cannot be assigned to Ahasuerus<sup>2</sup> with certainty, and it seems likely that he died soon after the baptism of his grandson Johannes, son of Takel.

Children of Ahasuerus<sup>2</sup> Marselis and his wife Sarah Heemstraat are:<sup>[35]</sup>

- i. JOHANNES<sup>3</sup> MARSELIS, bp. Albany 26 June 1698, sp. Takel Heemstraat, Tryntje Marselis, m. Schenectady 12 Jan. 1725 SARAH DE GRAEFF,<sup>[36]</sup> bp. Albany 8 Jan. 1696, dau. of Claas de Graeff and his wife Elisabeth Brouwer.<sup>[37]</sup>
- ii. DIRK MARSELIS, bp. Albany 5 Jan. 1700, sp. Gysbert Marseelis, Barber Marseelis, m. Schenectady 29 July 1726 ELYSABET VAN EPS.<sup>[38]</sup>
- iii. JOHANNA MARSELIS, bp. Albany 26 Jan. 1701, as Johannes, sp. Dirk Takelse Heemstraat, Claartje Quackenbosch, m. Schenectady 15 Sept. 1726 JOHANNES VAN VORST.<sup>[39]</sup>
- iv. GYSBERT MARSELIS, bp. Albany 4 June 1704, sp. Lucas Lucasse Hoogkerke, Huybertje Jeads, m. Schenectady 31 May 1730 ELIZABETH VAN ANTWERPEN,<sup>[40]</sup> bp. Schenectady 10 Oct. 1708, dau. of Arent Danielse Van Antwerpen and his wife Sara Van Eps.<sup>[41]</sup>
3. v. GERRIT MARSELIS, bp. Albany 22 Sept. 1706, d. 1760 or later, m. (1) \_\_\_\_; m. (2) CATHARINA DYGERT.
- vi. TAKEL MARSELIS, bp. Albany 1 Jan. 1709, sp. Takel Van Heemstraat, Pieter Van Brug, Grietje Vroman, m. Schenectady 16 Mar. 1738 JACOMYNTIE (VAN EBS) VAN NESS.<sup>[42]</sup>
- vii. ANNETIEN MARSELIS, bp. Schenectady 6 Mar. 1711, sp. Adam Vroom-man, Barber Heemstraat, m. Schenectady 1 Sept. 1744 THOMAS CHRISTIAANSE, of Genistagiene.<sup>[43]</sup>
- viii. MARRETTIE MARSELIS, bp. Albany 8 Mar. 1713, sp. Lukas Lukassen, Judith Lukassen.
- ix. TRIENTIEN MARSELIS, bp. Schenectady 31 July 1715, sp. Barent Vroman & wife Trientien.

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<sup>31</sup> HSYB 1905:20, 44.

<sup>32</sup> Keefer and Kelly, *Baptism Record of Schenectady Reformed Church*, 15, 20, 24.

<sup>33</sup> “A List of Freeholders of the City and County of Albany. 1720,” *Annals of Albany* 1 (1860): 231-4, at 232.

<sup>34</sup> *Ibid.*, 58.

<sup>35</sup> HSYB 1904:78, 81, 1905:20, 33, 41, 51, 65; Keefer and Kelly, *Baptism Record of Schenectady Reformed Church*, 13, 16, 20, 25, 29.

<sup>36</sup> Charlotte Taylor Luckhurst, *Marriage Records of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Schenectady*, N. Y. (n. p., 1917), 4.

<sup>37</sup> Jonathan Pearson, transcr., “Extracts from the Doep-Boek, or Baptismal Register of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Schenectady,” *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 18 (1864): 231-7, at 231.

<sup>38</sup> *Ibid.*, 8.

<sup>39</sup> *Ibid.*, 8.

<sup>40</sup> *Ibid.*, 10.

<sup>41</sup> Lee Douglas Van Antwerp, “The Family Van Antwerp in America,” *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* 72 (1941): 18-23, 201-6, 316-9, at 22, 204.

<sup>42</sup> Luckhurst, *Marriage Records of the Reformed Church of Schenectady*, 16. She is named as Van Ebs in the baptism records of her children (Keefer and Kelly, *Baptism Record of the Reformed Church of Schenectady*, 50, 62, 66, 74, 77, 83).

<sup>43</sup> Luckhurst, *Marriage Records of the Reformed Church of Schenectady*, 21.

- x. ASSUERUS MARSELIS, bp. Schenectady 15 Dec. 1717, sp. Robben Ets, Maritien Ets.
- xi. ABRAHAM MARSELIS, bp. Schenectady 8 July 1721, sp. Jan Vroman, Marretien Vroman, a private aged 35y in the company of Albany Co. militia commanded by Capt. Christopher Yates, returned 5 May 1760,<sup>[44]</sup> and aged 40y, May 1762 at Albany.<sup>[45]</sup>
- xii. ISAAC MARSELIS, bp. Schenectady 29 June 1723, sp. Abr. Leythal, Anna Claesen, m. Schenectady 6 Aug. 1748 SARAH SWART.<sup>[46]</sup>

3. **Gerrit<sup>3</sup> Marselis** (*Ahasuerus<sup>2</sup>, Marcelis<sup>1</sup> Janse*) was baptized on 22 September 1706 at Albany, and was sponsored by Christoffel and Catelina Yeads [Yates].<sup>[47]</sup> He is last found as the father of a child baptized at Stone Arabia, Albany (now Montgomery) County, New York, on 21 September 1760.<sup>[48]</sup> He was married by 1743 to **Catharina Tygar**, who is so named in the baptism of her son William.<sup>[49]</sup> She was apparently his second wife, for one child may be attributed to Gerrit whose birth pre-dates the expected date of the earliest birth to Catharina. For her to have children as late as 1760, she must have been born say 1720. Such a birth date is appropriate for the granddaughter of Werner Deichert of Langenselbold in Hesse, who emigrated to New York in 1710, but existing research has found no direct record of her parents.<sup>[50]</sup> Her parentage is suggested by onomastic evidence. The names *Willem* and *Peter* first appear in the Marselis family at Stone Arabia, and not at Schenectady or Albany. Among the documented sons of Werner, Gerrit and Catharina only named a son after *Peter*, who himself had a son named *William*. Peter also had a son named Severinus, after his brother, whereas Gerrit Marselis did not.<sup>[51]</sup> Within the Dygert family, Catharina's connections with Peter took priority. This suggests that she was a daughter of Johann Peter and Anna Elisabetha (Fuchs) Dygert.<sup>[52]</sup>

Probable child of Gerrit<sup>3</sup> Marselis by an unknown wife is:

- 4. i. SUERUS<sup>4</sup> MISSELES, b. ca. 1728, d. after 1790, m. (1) ANNA MARIA [BOYER?]; m. (2) ELIZABETH \_\_\_\_.

Children of Gerrit<sup>3</sup> and Catharina (Tygar) Marselis are:

- ii. JOHANNES MISSELES, b. ca. 1736,<sup>[53]</sup> m. Reformed Church, Stone Arabia, 7 Sept. 1769 CATHARINA ELISABETH KLING,<sup>[54]</sup> both res. Williamsburgh, Eastern District of Canada West (now Ont.), after 21 Sept. 1791.<sup>[55]</sup> Their first child was a daughter Catharina Elisabeth, b. 30 Aug. 1770, bp. 30 Sept. 1770

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<sup>44</sup> *New York Colonial Muster Rolls*, 2 vols. (Albany and New York: Wynkoop Hallenbeck Crawford Company, 1897–8; reprint, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 2000), 2:585.

<sup>45</sup> Edmund B. O'Callaghan and Berthold Fernow, transcrs., *Muster Rolls of New York Provincial Troops, 1755–1764*, Collections of the New-York Historical Society, vol. 24 (New York: Printed for the Society, 1892), 440-1.

<sup>46</sup> *Ibid.*, 26.

<sup>47</sup> HSYB 1905:41.

<sup>48</sup> Royden Woodward Vosburgh, ed., *Records of the Reformed Dutch Church of Stone Arabia, in the Town of Palatine, Montgomery County, N. Y.*, 2 vols. (New York: New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 1916), 1:22.

<sup>49</sup> Keefer and Kelly, *Baptism Record of the Reformed Church of Schenectady*, 78.

<sup>50</sup> Henry Z Jones Jr., *The Palatine Families of New York: A Study of the German Immigrants Who Arrived in Colonial New York in 1710*, 2 vols. (Universal City, Calif., 1985), 1:162-4; William V. H. Barker, *Early Families of Herkimer County, New York: Descendants of the Burnetsfield Palatines* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1986), 63.

<sup>51</sup> Barker, *Early Families of Herkimer County*, 63.

<sup>52</sup> Jones, *Palatine Families of New York*, 1:163, 259-61.

<sup>53</sup> Ernest A. Cruikshank and Gavin K. Watt, *The History and Master Roll of the King's Royal Regiment of New York*, rev. ed. (Campbellville, Ont.: Global Heritage Press, Inc., 2006), 254, 360.

<sup>54</sup> Vosburgh, *Reformed Dutch Church of Stone Arabia*, 1:187.

<sup>55</sup> Johannes Helmut, transcr., "They Spoke German" in the Lunenburg District of Upper Canada, 1774–1800, online <<http://www.flora.org/nancy/sdg/schwerdtfeger/about.html>>, L-M, viewed 22 Oct 2007.

at the same church, sp. Elisabeth Tÿghart, Catharina Tÿghart, and Ludwig Kling.<sup>[56]</sup> On this basis, it is believed that Johannes and all later children of Suerus were also children of Catharina. See the biography of Suerus<sup>4</sup> Misseles, below.

- iii. PIETER MISSELES, b. Schenectady, ca. 1740, a private, aged 18y, in the company of Albany Co. militia commanded by Capt. Christopher Yates, returned 5 May 1760,<sup>[57]</sup> res. Stone Arabia 8 Jan. 1764, when he sponsored and named a son of Suerus Misseles at the Reformed Church.<sup>[58]</sup>
- iv. ELIZABETH MARSELIS, b. 22 Aug. 1743, bp. "Cani-Schoharie" [Canajoharie, Albany Co.], 11 Sept. 1743 with sponsors not named,<sup>[59]</sup> m. Stone Arabia 8 April 1760 GEORGE NESSEL.<sup>[60]</sup>
- v. WILLEM MARSELIS, bp. Schenectady 22 Nov. 1747, sp. Isaac Marselis, Sarah Joh. van Vorst.<sup>[61]</sup> The sponsors firmly identify the child's father with the family of Ahasuerus<sup>2</sup> Marselis, for Isaac was another of Ahasuerus's sons, and the only Johannes van Vorst in Schenectady who had children prior to 1747 was the son-in-law of Ahasuerus.<sup>[62]</sup>
- vi. GERRIT MARSELIS, b. 9 Sept. 1760, bp. 21 Sept. 1760, sp. Jacob, legitimate son of Jost Schnell, and Elisabeth, legitimate daughter of Henry Freÿ,<sup>[63]</sup> d. Harrisburg, Lewis Co., N. Y., 8 Feb. 1853,<sup>[64]</sup> m. (1) CORNELIA \_\_\_\_\_, res. Stone Arabia 12 Nov. 1794;<sup>[65]</sup> m. (2) Palatine, Montgomery Co., N. Y., 15 May 1798 CHARLOTTE PEDERICK, b. ca. 1782, res. Harrisburg 4 April 1855, aged 73y.<sup>[66]</sup>

4. **Suerus<sup>4</sup> Misseles** (*Gerrit<sup>3</sup>, Ahasuerus<sup>2</sup>, Marcelis<sup>1</sup> Janse*) was born about 1728. As a member of the King's Royal Regiment of New York, his age was given as 54 years in December 1782.<sup>[67]</sup> He was living in the German Loyalist settlement at Township No. 4, afterwards called Williamsburgh, in the Eastern District of Upper Canada, later the province of Ontario, in 1790.<sup>[68]</sup> He was married to **Anna Maria**, possibly **Boyer**, as that is the only surname besides *Misseles* that occurs more than once among the sponsors of their children. If this is the case, it would be logical to place her as a daughter of Johann Leonard and Anna Barbara (\_\_\_\_) Boyer, who had a child in 1735, but have not previously been assigned a daughter Anna Maria.<sup>[69]</sup> Their last known child was born on 4 August 1776 and baptized at Schoharie, Albany (now Schoharie) County, New York.<sup>[70]</sup> Suerus later married a second wife, **Elizabeth** \_\_\_\_\_.

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<sup>56</sup> Vosburgh, *Reformed Dutch Church of Stone Arabia*, 1:106.

<sup>57</sup> *New York Colonial Muster Rolls*, 2:585.

<sup>58</sup> Vosburgh, *Reformed Dutch Church of Stone Arabia*, 1:43.

<sup>59</sup> Royden Woodward Vosburgh, ed., *Records of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Town of Schoharie, Schoharie County, N. Y.*, 3 vols. (New York: New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 1914–5), 1:262.

<sup>60</sup> Vosburgh, *Reformed Dutch Church of Stone Arabia*, 1:167.

<sup>61</sup> Keefer and Kelly, *Baptism Record of the Reformed Church of Schenectady*, 78.

<sup>62</sup> *Ibid.*, 36, 43, 47, 51, 55, 63, 68.

<sup>63</sup> Vosburgh, *Reformed Church of Stone Arabia*, 1:22.

<sup>64</sup> Garret Marcellus pension application file, no. W1444, Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land-Warrant Application Files, micropublication M804, roll 1631, frame 1108 (Washington: National Archives).

<sup>65</sup> Maryly B. Penrose, *Compendium of Early Mohawk Valley Families*, 2 vols. (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1990), 1:508.

<sup>66</sup> Garret Marcellus pension file, frames 1107-8, 1115.

<sup>67</sup> Cruikshank and Watt, *King's Royal Regiment of New York*, 254, 360, citing "RG19, C34, Dept of Finance Records, Roll of 1KRR NY, Montreal, December 1782. Although dated Montreal, Dec 1783, circumstantially this is incorrect. Date must be prior to 24 Dec 1782."

<sup>68</sup> Merz, "They Spoke German," L-M.

<sup>69</sup> Henry Z. Jones Jr., "More Later Arrivals, 1717–1776," in Henry Z. Jones Jr. and Lewis Bunker Rorhbach, *Even More Palatine Families: 18th Century Immigrants to the American Colonies and Their German, Swiss, and Austrian Origins*, 3 vols. (Camden, Me.: Picton Press, 2002), 1:xix-800, at 39.

<sup>70</sup> Vosburgh, *St. Paul's Lutheran Church*, 1:132.

Suerus may be identified tentatively as a son of Gerrit, based on onomastic and chronological evidence.<sup>[71]</sup> *Suerus* is a derivative of *Ahasuerus*, the name of Gerrit's father, which was not a common name among those branches of the Marselis family that remained in Albany.<sup>[72]</sup> Given Suerus's birth date, and the presence of Ahasuerus<sup>3</sup>, born in 1717, at Schenectady from 1739 forward,<sup>[73]</sup> it stands to reason that Suerus must be the son of one of the older sons of Ahasuerus<sup>2</sup>. We have previously reviewed the evidence against identifying Suerus with Ahasuerus<sup>4</sup> (*Johannes<sup>3</sup>, Ahasuerus<sup>2</sup>, Marcelis<sup>1</sup> Janse*). Dirk<sup>3</sup> is not known to have had a son of the same name.<sup>[74]</sup> Gysbert<sup>3</sup> only married in 1730 and did not have a son Ahasuerus until 1740. This man remained in Schenectady until well after 1760, and was recorded on at least two occasions as *Ahasuerus G.*<sup>[75]</sup>

An account of Suerus's life must also reckon with his close lifetime association with Johannes Misseles (no. 3, ii). Suerus, Johannes, and Gerrit all appear as near neighbors to one another from their first appearance at Stone Arabia. Johannes, who was then unmarried, sponsored Suerus's first child,<sup>[76]</sup> and by 10 May 1761 they both, together with Suerus's wife, had joined the Reformed Dutch Church at Stone Arabia.<sup>[77]</sup> In 1763 Suerus Miselis was among the men returned for failure to appear when Capt. Soverinus Deyger called out his company of militia.<sup>[78]</sup> The dates of the children that Suerus had baptized at St. Paul's Church in Schoharie, Albany (now Schoharie) County, alternate with those of Johannes's children at the same church.<sup>[79]</sup>

Severs Marcsles and John Marcules were among the members of the Loyalist "Turlock Militia" company commanded by Jacob Miller from 1775 to 1777. On 14 August 1777, ten days after the Battle of Oriskany, the company was absorbed into the First Battalion of the King's Royal Regiment of New York.<sup>[80]</sup> Regimental muster rolls, dated 21 January 1778 at Laprairie, Quebec, place John Marcellus in Captain James Duncan's company, and a "Pharoh" Marcellus in the vacant company then headed by Lieutenant James McDonnell; both had enlisted on 15 August.<sup>[81]</sup> Both Suerus and John remained in the same regiment in 1781 and 1782; John served

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<sup>71</sup> This endeavor was inspired by Anita Harmon and Tammy Mattie, *The Harmon and Perry Genealogy*, online <[http://www.theharmon.us/harmon\\_t/tharmon.htm](http://www.theharmon.us/harmon_t/tharmon.htm)>, (Mapleton, Utah, and Pelion, S. C., 2010), at b1211.thm#P24927 and b1217.thm#P24921. These researchers assign to "Garret Auser Marcelis" a birth on 22 Sept. 1706 at Albany, but do not pursue his ancestry and mention only Catherine Dygert as his wife and Gerrit as their child.

<sup>72</sup> The most convenient overview is Pearson, *First Settlers of the Ancient County of Albany*, 78-80.

<sup>73</sup> Keefer and Kelly, *Baptism Record of Schenectady Reformed Church*, 20, 58.

<sup>74</sup> *Ibid.*, 36, 42, 46, 52, 59.

<sup>75</sup> *Ibid.*, 60, 157, 203.

<sup>76</sup> Vosburgh, *Stone Arabia Reformed Church*, 1:19.

<sup>77</sup> *Ibid.*, 1:209.

<sup>78</sup> *New York Colonial Muster Rolls*, vol. 2 (New York and Albany: Wynkoop Hallenbeck Crawford Co., 1898; reprint, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 2000), 799.

<sup>79</sup> Vosburgh, *St. Paul's Lutheran Church*, 1:108 (to Johannes, 10 Oct. 1772), 119 (to Johannes, 26 Mar. 1774), 122 (to Suerus, 16 June 1774), 130 (to Johannes, 18 Feb. 1776), 132 (to Suerus, 4 Aug. 1776).

<sup>80</sup> "Loyalist Units: Butler's Rangers, Sir John Johnston's [sic] Brigade & King's Royal Regiment of New York (KRRNY)," online <<http://olivetreegenealogy.com/loy/muster/butlers1.shtml>>, in Lorine McGinnis Schulze, *The Olive Tree Genealogy* (n. p., 1996-2007).

<sup>81</sup> Nan Cole and Todd Braisted, "King's Royal Regiment of New York, Duncan's Company," online <<http://www.royalprovincial.com/Military/musters/krrny/krrduncan.htm>>, updated 1 Feb. 2001, citing Great Britain, Public Record Office, War Office, Class 28, Volume 5, folio 219; Nan Cole and Todd Braisted, "King's Royal Regiment of New York, Vacant Company," online <<http://www.royalprovincial.com/Military/musters/krrny/krrjsmcdonnell.htm>>, updated 1 Feb. 2001, citing Great Britain, Public Record Office, War Office, Class 28, Volume 5, folio 220.

through 1783 as well.<sup>[82]</sup> Provision lists of the 1780s consistently show John Marcellis as the head of a relatively large, age-diversified household in Township No. 4.<sup>[83]</sup> Suerus's family, in contrast, appears to have splintered. Three of his daughters were married at German Flatts.<sup>[84]</sup> Severius Marselis is mentioned among the Loyalists who settled at Township No. 4 by 14 October 1784, but the return notes that he had "Gone to the States for his family."<sup>[85]</sup> Sweris Mercelus reappears with John in the 1785 provision list for Township No. 4, but that record gives no details about the size of their households.<sup>[86]</sup>

Children of Suerus<sup>4</sup> and Anna Maria (Boyer?) Misseles are:

- i. MARIA<sup>5</sup> MISSELES, b. 18 April 1760, bp. Reformed Church, Stone Arabia, 27 April 1760, sp. Gertraud, dau. of Leonhard Bajers, and Johannes Misseles, both unm.<sup>[87]</sup>
- ii. CATHARINA MISSELES, b. 1 Feb. 1762, bp. Reformed Church 7 Feb. 1762, sp. Elisabeth Deighert and Johannes Misseles, both unm.,<sup>[88]</sup> m. German Flatts Reformed Dutch Church, Fort Herkimer, Montgomery (now Herkimer) Co., N. Y., 6 Jan. 1784, JOHANNES HURTIG.<sup>[89]</sup>
- iii. PIETER MISSELES, b. 2 Jan. 1764, bp. Reformed Church 8 Jan. 1764, sp. Pieter Misseles and Gertraud Bajerin, both unm.<sup>[90]</sup>
- iv. ANNA EVA MISSELES, b. 17 July 1766, bp. Reformed Church 20 July 1766, sp. Anna Eva Gettman and Christian Gettman,<sup>[91]</sup> m. German Flatts Reformed Church 22 July 1784 CHRISTIAN FOLMER,<sup>[92]</sup> b. Stone Arabia 25 Sept. 1762, son of Hans Thomas and Catharina (\_\_\_\_) Folmer,<sup>[93]</sup> both res. Herkimer, Herkimer Co., N. Y., 12 May 1806, when she was named as Anna Eva Schwerismisels in the baptism of a child.<sup>[94]</sup>
- v. ELISABETHA MISSELES, b. 14 Oct. 1768, bp. Lutheran Trinity Church, Stone Arabia, date not shown, sp. Joannes Bajer et ux.<sup>[95]</sup>
- + vi. SARAH MISSELES, b. 14 Jan. 1772, d. 18 Jan. 1841, aged 69y 4d, bur. Yellow Church Cemetery, Manheim, Herkimer Co., N. Y.,<sup>[96]</sup> m. as "Sarah Suerees Misseles" at German Flatts Reformed Church, 21 May 1793, HENRICH JOHANNES BAJER,<sup>[97]</sup> b. Manheim, Tryon (now Herkimer) Co., N. Y., 17 Jan.

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<sup>82</sup> Gavin K. Watt and James F. Morrison, *The British campaign of 1777*, vol. 1, *The St. Leger expedition: The forces of Crown and Congress*, 2nd ed. (Milton, Ont.: Global Heritage Press, 2002), 226 n. 9 (John), 227 n. 43 (Scheveris); Cruikshank and Watt, *King's Royal Regiment of New York*, 254.

<sup>83</sup> Norman K. Crowder, *Early Ontario Settlers: A Source Book* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1993), 49, 101, 154. John is named as a father of seven children in *The Old United Empire Loyalists List* (Toronto, 1885; reprint, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1976), 209.

<sup>84</sup> Royden Woodward Vosburgh, ed., *Records of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of German Flatts in Fort Herkimer, Town of German Flatts, Herkimer County, N. Y.*, 2 vols. (New York: New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 1918), 1:199, 210. Penrose, *Early Mohawk Valley Families*, 1:260, 404.

<sup>85</sup> Crowder, *Early Ontario Settlers*, 48.

<sup>86</sup> *Ibid.*, 101.

<sup>87</sup> Vosburgh, *Stone Arabia Reformed Church*, 1:19.

<sup>88</sup> *Ibid.*, 1:31.

<sup>89</sup> Vosburgh, *Reformed Church of German Flatts*, 1:199.

<sup>90</sup> Vosburgh, *Stone Arabia Reformed Church*, 1:43.

<sup>91</sup> *Ibid.*, 1:66.

<sup>92</sup> Vosburgh, *Reformed Church of German Flatts*, 1:199 (record omits her forename). Compare Penrose, *Mohawk Valley Families*, 1:260, where Anna Eva is named as mother of one of Christian's children.

<sup>93</sup> Jones, "More Later Arrivals, 1717–1776," 719.

<sup>94</sup> Royden Woodward Vosburgh, ed., *Records of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Herkimer in the Town of Herkimer, Herkimer County, N. Y.*, 3 vols. (New York: New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 1916), 1:38.

<sup>95</sup> Royden Woodward Vosburgh, ed., *Records of the Lutheran Trinity Church of Stone Arabia in the Town of Palatine, Montgomery County, N. Y.*, 3 vols. in 4 (New York: New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 1914), 1: pt. 1, 27.

<sup>96</sup> Murphy, "Yellow Church Cemetery."

<sup>97</sup> Vosburgh, *Reformed Church of German Flatts*, 1:210.



1773, son of Johannes and Anna (Gerter) Boyer, d. Eaton Co., Mich., 22 Sept. 1861.<sup>[98]</sup>

vii. ANNA MARIA MISSELES, b. 16 June 1774, bp. St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Schoharie, Albany (now Schoharie) Co., N. Y., at an unknown date, sp. Ludwig Kling and wife.<sup>[99]</sup>

viii. GERTRAUT MISSELES, b. 4 Aug. 1776, bp. St. Paul's Lutheran Church at an unknown date, sp. Matthes Braun and wife,<sup>[100]</sup> m. Williamsburgh 27 Oct. 1795 ISAAC KRAUTER.<sup>[101]</sup>

Child of Suerus<sup>4</sup> and Elizabeth (\_\_\_\_) Misseles is:

ix. MAGDALENA MISSELES, bp. Williamsburgh, Ont., 21 Aug. 1791, sp. Thomas Casselman and Magd. Mersel.<sup>[102]</sup>

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<sup>98</sup> Robin Lee Boyer, *Bennett, Boyer, Buyea, Cramer, Freeman, Hale, Huffman, Newman, Petie, Ritter*, 18 of 400, online <<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/b/o/y/Robin-L-Boyer/BOOK-0001/0003-0004.html>>, updated 4 Sept. 2006.

<sup>99</sup> Vosburgh, *St. Paul's Lutheran Church*, 1:122.

<sup>100</sup> *Ibid.*, 1:132.

<sup>101</sup> Merz, *"They Spoke German,"* L–M.

<sup>102</sup> *Ibid.*